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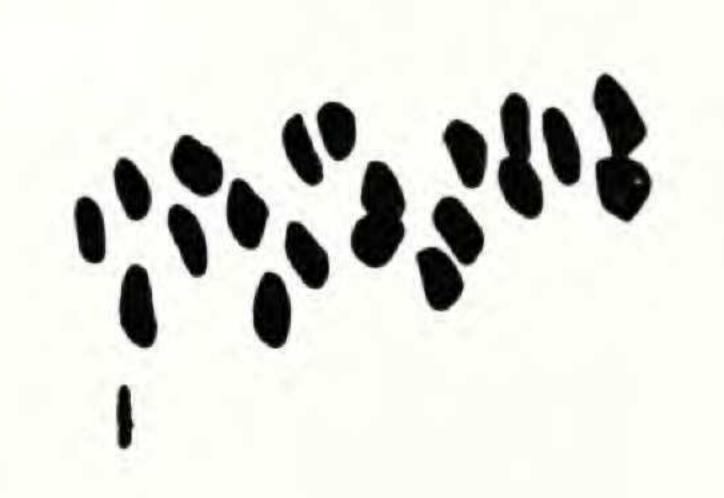
CHROMOSOME COUNTS FOR PASPALUM¹

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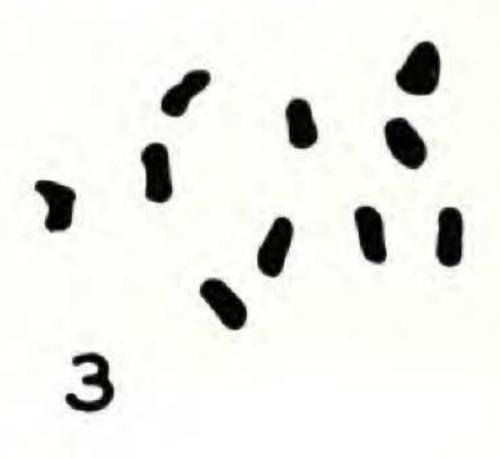
I have made some additional chromosome counts during my studies in the genus Paspalum. None of the counts for the taxa reported herein, except P. laeve, are recorded in the Chromosome Atlas (Darlington and Wylie, 1955) or in the Index to Plant Chromosome Numbers (Cave, 1956-1962). My counts of n = 40 for P. laeve are different from 2n = 40 which was reported by Brown (1948).

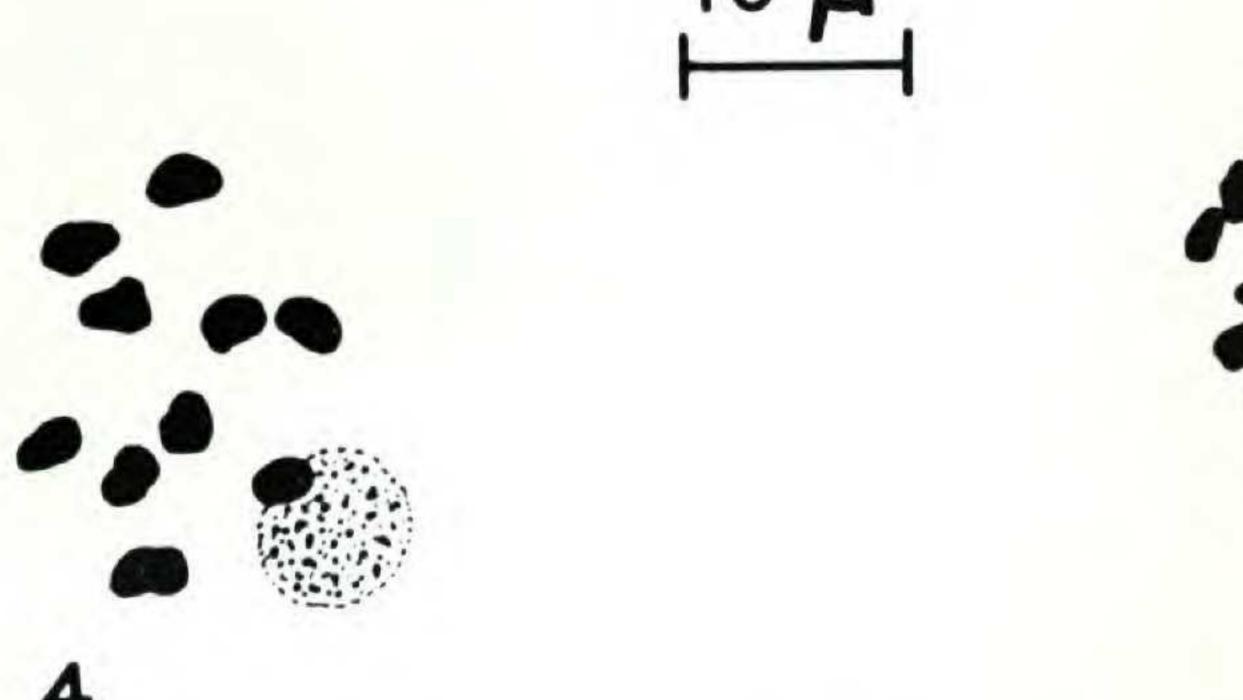
The counts were made from pollen mother cells squashed in aceto-carmine after fixation in alcohol-acetic acid (3:1). Photomicrographs were made of cells with chromosomes distributed so that they were countable. Drawings, made by tracing enlargements of the photomicrographs, are presented in Figures 1-5.

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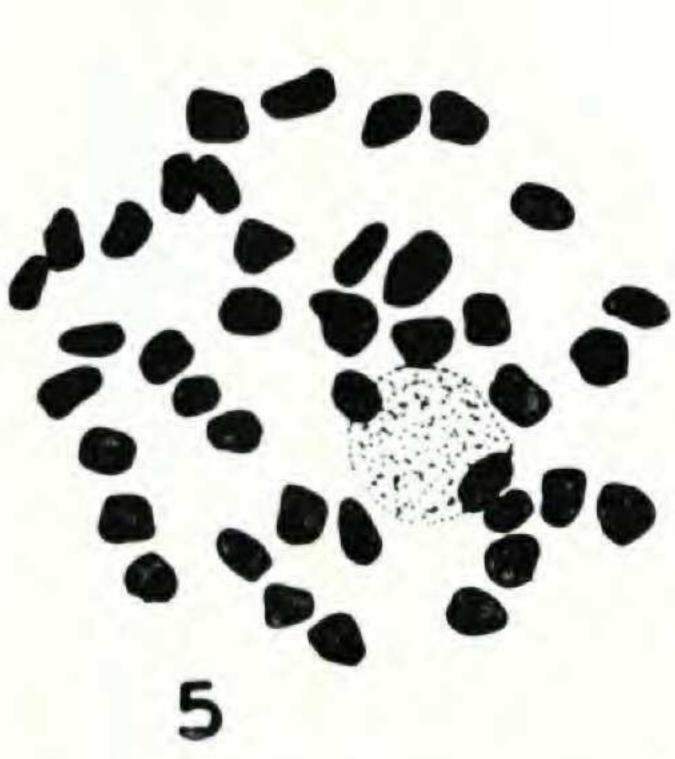


Fig. 1-5. Meiotic chromosomes of species of Paspalum. Fig. 1. P. blodgettii. Fig. 2. P. caespitosum. Fig. 3. P. fimbriatum. Fig. 4. P. fluitans. Fig. 5. P. laeve.

The voucher specimens are deposited in the Herbarium of Stephen F. Austin State College. The chromosome numbers obtained are presented below:

Species	Voucher Specimen	n
P. blodgettii Chapm.	FLORIDA: Dade Co., 3.2 miles s. of Florida City,	20
P. caespitosum Flügge	Banks 1246 FLORIDA: Collier Co., 6 miles n. of Rock Island, Banks 1198	20

P. fimbriatum H. B. K.	FLORIDA: Monroe Co., Plantation Key, Banks 1223	10
P. fluitans (Ell.) Kunth	TEXAS: Nacogdoches Co., 5 miles s. and 7.2 miles e. of Cushing, <i>Banks</i> 1910	10
P. laeve Michx.	GEORGIA: Clarke Co., Athens, Banks 1053	40
	TEXAS: Nacogdoches Co., Stephen F. Austin Ex- perimental Forest, Banks, 1913	40

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